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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the

application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended): A method for producing an intermediate product made of a

fiber-reinforced composite composed of a reinforcing fiber impregnated with a thermosetting

resin or a thermoplastic resin, comprising: (a) a first-process step where a plurality of sheets

made of said fiber-reinforced composite are laminated to each other, heated under a pressure by a

hot press roll, and cooled under a pressure by a cold press roll to provide automatically a flat

plate-board-shaped laminate; (b) a second step where said flat plate-board-shaped laminate is cut

into a board; and (c) a third process step where said plate board is softened by heating, placed on

a forming tool, and formed by cooling under a pressure, wherein in said first step (a) said

plurality of sheets made of said fiber-reinforced composite are heated at a temperature of 20-

100°C under 0.1 to 10 kg/cm², and cooled at a temperature of 10-30°C under 0.1 to 10 kg/cm²;

and in said third step (c) said board is softened by heating at a temperature of 60-100°C for 10-90

minutes placed on a forming tool, and formed by cooling at a temperature of 0-50°C under a

pressure of 0.1-10°kg/cm².

2. (canceled).

3. (canceled).

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4. (new): The method for producing an intermediate product according to claim 1, wherein said intermediate product is a T-shaped intermediate product composed of L-shaped board laminates and each said flat board-shaped laminate comprises only one flat-shaped board

laminate.

5. (new): A method for producing an intermediate product made of a fiber-reinforced

composite composed of a reinforcing fiber impregnated with a thermosetting resin or a

thermoplastic resin, comprising: (a) a first step where a plurality of sheets made of said fiber-

reinforced composite are laminated to each other, heated under a pressure by a hot press roll, and

cooled under a pressure by a cold press roll to provide automatically a flat board-shaped

laminate; (b) a second step where said flat board-shaped laminate is cut into a board; and (c) a

third step where said plate is softened by heating, placed on a forming tool, and formed by

cooling under a pressure, wherein said intermediate product is a semi-hardened product having a

hardening degree of 1 to 80%, said fiber-reinforced composite being composed of a reinforcing

fiber impregnated with a thermosetting resin.

(new): The method according to claim 3, wherein said intermediate product is a 6.

semi-hardened product having a hardening degree of 1 to 50%.

(new): The method according to claim 3, wherein said intermediate product is 7.

semi-hardened product having a hardening degree of 5 to 20%.

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